

Card by Mabel Hubbard Bell, June 1913, with transcript

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"These letters to Mrs. A. Melville Bell were found in an old Japanese desk where they had apparently been kept by themselves. They cover all the years of my acquaintance with my husband's mother, and form a record of his life and mine.

"Please do not destroy them. If no one cares for them now perhaps one of the grandchildren may, years hence.

"To me old letters are sacred, when they deal with the family life. I would value old letters revealing the personality of any of my ancestors beyond any amount of old furniture or bric-a-brac."

MABEL G. BELL June 1913

Many letters from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Melville Bell found in other places than those referred to by Mrs. Bell in the above note are included in this series.

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